

WOULD IMPROVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Too Many in Missouri Are of Primitive Type, Says Inspector.

FAVORS STATE SUPERVISION

State Superintendent Backs Prof. Reavis in Demand for Modern Heating and Ventilating in Country Institutions.

Jefferson City.—On the strength of a recent report of Professor George W. Reavis, state inspector of rural schools, State Superintendent of Schools William P. Evans has mapped out a campaign for modern construction of country school houses, which are, according to the findings of Professor Reavis, too often of the primitive type of four walls, a roof and a floor imperfectly heated, lighted and ventilated and equipped with the crudest of furniture and appliances.

Mr. Reavis thinks a law should be enacted by the next session of the general assembly fixing a standard for the construction of country school houses. He says in his report:

"Too long has the box car type structure been with us. It should long ago have given way to a substantially built school house, designed and equipped to meet the needs of the children. The education of a community is largely influenced by the architecture and environments of the school."

Mr. Reavis found that only 7 per cent of the rural school houses in Missouri are equipped with modern heating and ventilating systems, and but 333 of them meet fully the requirements of an approved rural school, as laid down by the state department of education.

These requirements are:
Eight months term each year.
Teacher with certificate higher than the third grade.

Salary of teacher not less than \$45 per month.

Compliance with the Library law of the state.

The state course of study must be followed.

There must be satisfactory instruction and discipline.

Modern heating of school room.

The teacher must regularly attend county and township school meetings.

There must be a minimum of 100 volumes in the school library.

The school must have fifty agricultural bulletins.

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REVELLE FOR SANE FOURTH

State Insurance Superintendent Urges More Caution in Celebrating the National Holiday.

Jefferson City.—"The great loss of life and property occurring every year caused by fireworks, is not generally realized," says Superintendent Chas. G. Revelle of the state insurance department, who has issued a statement asking for a safe and sane observance of the Fourth of July.

"During the past four years property valued at \$2,500,000 has been destroyed as a result of the promiscuous use of fireworks and explosives on the Fourth of July.

"Public sentiment is in favor of a safe and sane Fourth of July. This should be encouraged. Where safe and sane celebrations have been tried it has been found most satisfactory as no accidents from gun powder occurred and no fires from explosions were reported.

"Where general displays of fireworks are provided by a community for the benefit of all, the display should be given only under the absolute management and direction of competent persons.

"Householders should also be on guard and prepare for emergencies. Keep buckets filled with water and place them handy for immediate use.

"Members of fire departments should be interested and lend every aid for a safe and sane celebration. Usually this is one of the busiest days of the year and it is never passed without the loss of many lives. Be safe and sane, and advise others to be.

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FOR BETTER FARMS

St. Louis Joint Conference Lays Plans for Co-Operative Organizations.

COMMERCIAL BODIES TO AID

Each County in State to Have Committee Composed of Banker, Business Man and Farmer.

Every county in Missouri within the next few weeks will have a committee composed of a banker, business man and a farmer whose efforts will be devoted to the organization of associations for co-operative farm betterment.

A resolution making this possible was adopted at a joint conference held at St. Louis by the agricultural committee of the Missouri Bankers' Association, Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs, Nebraska Agricultural Development Association, Interstate Agricultural Industrial conference and the Council of the American Grain Exchange.

The plan of the conference provides for a farm advisor for each county, the teaching of agriculture in rural schools, road betterment, improvement of live stock conditions and the financing of farm improvements.

The movement was conceived by R. S. Hawes of St. Louis, president of the Bankers' Association. Each of the county committees will call a mass meeting immediately upon its appointment and begin plans for improving the county it represents.

KEEP YOUTH FROM PRISON

Sedalia Friends Raising Funds to Reimburse Surety Company for Young Man's Shortage.

Sedalia friends are raising a fund to save from prison Munson Goodyear, assistant ticket agent for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway in St. Louis. He is charged with embezzling \$1,900 from the company. His father, Charles A. Goodyear, was a conductor for the same company many years ago. The plan is to reimburse the surety company that was on Goodyear's bond. A St. Louis man has offered to give Goodyear employment at \$80 a month. The young man was married a month ago. His bride is a St. Louis girl, and has gone East. Munson is the sole support of his widowed mother.

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ESTATE OF \$25,000 INVOLVED

Kansas City Widow Arrested on Charge of Forging Her Husband's Name to Will.

Mrs. Lillian Kinsinger, a widow living at 3814 Troost avenue, was remanded to jail at Kansas City, charged with having forged the will of her dead husband. Mrs. Cora Scott of Springfield, Mo., her sister, was arrested and held for investigation on the same charge.

It is charged specifically in a state warrant that the will was drawn by George Clay, a former Joplin attorney, under Mrs. Kinsinger's instructions two months after her husband, H. F. Kinsinger, a Frisco conductor, died at his home in Kansas City in the spring of 1912.

The will made the widow the sole executrix of the estate and bequeathed to her the entire \$25,000 estate. Two brothers of the dead man were cut off with \$1 each.

A copy of the will then was made by Mrs. Kinsinger, it is alleged, and a notary's seal bought and the will stamped, it is charged. The lack of witnesses was overcome, it is charged, by the signatures of Eugene Fitzwater, Mrs. Kinsinger's brother, and a half-witted man living on the Kansas side. Fitzwater is a salesman for the L. B. Price Mercantile Company. He has confessed his part of the transaction.

The story of the alleged forgery has been worked out slowly by Hugh K. Rea, an attorney during two years of almost continuous work.

COURT REFORM UNDER WAY

Missouri Code Commission Holds Session in St. Louis—To Ask Constitutional Amendment.

The first proposed legislation for the reform of judicial procedure in Missouri as suggested by the Missouri Code Commission in session at St. Louis, would send circuit and appellate judges to the supreme court of the state to assist the jurists of that court.

After six hours' debate the commission unanimously decided to submit to the voters of the states an amendment to the constitution of Missouri whereby the general assembly would have power to merge the court of appeals, their judges and jurisdictions in the supreme court of Missouri and to provide that whenever in the opinion of the supreme court it may become necessary the supreme court may require the judges of the circuit court to sit as judges of the supreme court.

Initiative blanks containing this amendment will be printed within the next few days and circulated throughout the state to obtain the thirty-five thousand signatures required before the matter can be put to a vote.

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BOOM IS COMING SAYS PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Predicts Business Will Have Great Revival

WHEN THE TRUST BILLS PASS

Speaking to Virginia Editors, He Makes Final Reply to Opponents of That Legislation, and Prophets of Evil Times.

Washington, June 26.—The greatest business boom in the history of the United States is promised by President Wilson. This, he says, will be brought about under a "new constitution of freedom" given by the anti-trust legislation soon to be passed by congress.

Though the president spoke to a group of Virginia editors in the White House, he really was addressing the entire country, and was making his final reply to the opponents of trust legislation at this session of congress and to prophets of evil times.

"We know what we are doing," Mr. Wilson said. "We purpose to do it under the advice—for we have been fortunate enough to obtain the advice of men who understand the business of the country; and we know that the effect is going to be exactly what the effect of the currency reform was, a sense of relief and security.

Boom to Follow Program.

"Because, when the program is finished, it is finished; the interrogation points are rubbed off the slate; business is given its constitution of freedom and is bidden to go forward under that constitution. And just so soon as it gets that leave and freedom there will be a boom of business in this country such as we have never witnessed in the United States.

"I, as a friend of business and a servant of the country, would not dare stop in this program and bring on another long period of agitation. Agitation longer continued would be fatal to the business of this country, and if this program is delayed there will come agitation, with every letter in the word a capital letter. The choice is a sober and sensible program now completed or months upon months of additional conjecture and danger.

"It is a matter of conscience as well as a matter of large public policy to do what this congress I am certain is going to do, finish the program. And I do not think that it is going to take a long time. I believe that the temper of those engaged in this great thing is admirable, that the various elements sometimes in antagonism in the congress of the United States are drawing together, and that we shall see an early statesmanlike result for which we shall all have abundant reason to be thankful.

Fever Lasted Long Time.

"I want to suggest this to you: Business has been in a feverish and apprehensive condition in this country for more than ten years. I will not stop to point out the time at which it began to be apprehensive, but during more than ten years business has been the object of sharp criticism in the United States.

"Business men have acted as some men do who fear they will have to undergo an operation, and who are not sure that when they get on the table the operation will not be a capital operation. As a matter of fact, as the diagnosis has progressed it has become more